

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2005

WILLIAM A. BRIGGS BUILDING (REED CONFERENCE ROOM)

845 PARK AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Cranston School Committee was held on the evening of the above date in the William A. Briggs Building Reed Conference Room with the following members present: Mr. Archetto, Mrs. Greifer, Ms. Iannazzi, Mr. Lupino, Mr. Palumbo, Mr. Stycos, and Mr. Traficante. Also present were Mr. Scherza and Mr. Votto.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. It was moved Mr. Lupino, seconded by Mr. Traficante and unanimously carried that the members adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(1) Personnel and PL 42-46-5(2) Contract and Litigation.

Mr. Palumbo reconvened the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The roll was called.

I. SPEAKERS – Agenda Items

There were no speakers on agenda items.

II. RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 05-6-1 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of elementary principal be approved.

Moved by Mr. Lupino and seconded by Mr. Traficante that this Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Scherza stated that it was his pleasure to recommend Joany Santa for principal of Chester Barrows School. Joany received her undergraduate degree in communications from Rhode Island College and her Master's in Education from Cambridge College. From January 2004 to January 2005, Joany was a member of the Education Partnership Principal Residency Network Aspiring Principal Program.

From October 1995 to the present, Joany has been employed by the Central Falls School Department as a home/school liaison team coordinator and district homeless population liaison. From July 1994 to October 1995, she was a peer leader coordinator for state drug prevention program sponsored by the Department of Substance Abuse for Project Hope. From February 1992 to June 1994 Joany taught at Holy Trinity School in Central Falls. Mr. Scherza

recommended Ms. Santa to the committee without reservation.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

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NO. 05-6-2 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff members be granted leaves of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX, Section B of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:

Amy Sencer, Teacher

Elementary

Effective Dates: September 2005 – January 2007

Jennifer Prestage, Teacher

Elementary

Effective Dates: September 2005 – September 2006

Moved by Mr. Lupino and seconded by Mrs. Greifer that this Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Votto noted that Kelli Downes should be a part of Resolution No. 05-6-3. Her name was removed from this Resolution.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

NO. 05-6-3 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff members be granted leaves of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:

Heather Belotti

Western Hills Middle School

Effective Dates: September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006

Kelli Downes, Teacher

Elementary

Effective Dates: September 2005 – September 2006

Kathryn Flinn

Hope Highlands School

Effective Dates: September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006

Carla Chevalier

Cranston High School East

Effective Dates: September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006

Moved by Mr. Lupino and seconded by Mr. Archetto that this

Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Palumbo noted the additional names of Kelli Downes, Kathryn Flinn and Carla Chevalier to this Resolution.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

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NO. 05-6-4 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Teresa Accardo, Reading Consultant

Gladstone School

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Paula Palmisciano, Teacher

Peters School

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Beth Kershaw Shirley, Teacher

Music

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Joan Marasco

Guidance

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Moved by Mr. Lupino and seconded by Ms. Iannazzi that this Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Palumbo noted the additional names of Beth Kershaw Shirley and Joan Marasco.

Mr. Scherza noted that Teresa Accardo is retiring after thirty-three years of devoted service to Cranston Public Schools. For most of her career she has been a literacy teacher and also taught elementary grades. Paula Palmisciano is retiring after thirty-two years of devoted service most recently as a grade 5 teacher at Peters School. She also taught at Stadium, Woodridge, and Oak Lawn Schools. Beth Shirley is retiring after thirty-two years of devoted service as a music teacher.

Mr. Lupino commented on Beth's successful years of teaching. Joan Marasco is retiring with thirty-four years of devoted service as a guidance counselor. She has worked at various elementary schools throughout the district. In total, this represents 131 years of teaching experience. They will be missed, and Mr. Scherza wished them well in their retirement.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

NO. 05-6-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following certified personnel be accepted:

**Katie Ciccone, Teacher
Cranston High School West
Effective Date: May 25, 2005**

**Jacqueline Hurley, Program Supervisor
Nursing
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

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**Deborah Wesolowski, Nurse-Teacher
Nursing
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

**Ivonne Bertin, Teacher
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

Moved by Mr. Lupino and seconded by Mr. Archetto that this Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Palumbo noted the change in location for Katie Ciccone from Cranston High School East to Cranston High School West.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

NO. 05-6-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified personnel be recalled from termination, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the Committee's action.

Moved by Mr. Lupino, seconded by Ms. Iannazzi and unanimously carried that this Resolution be adopted.

NO. 05-6-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

**Rosalie Ricci, Secretary
Cranston High School West
Effective Date: June 30, 2005**

**Dorothy Oseff, Six-hour Teacher Assistant
Peters School**

Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Moved by Mr. Lupino and seconded by Ms. Iannazzi that this Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Palumbo noted the additional name of Dorothy Oseff from the Addendum to the Agenda.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Lupino, seconded by Mrs. Greifer and unanimously carried that the June 6, 2005 Executive Session minutes remain confidential.

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Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Mr. Lupino and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at

6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Lupino
Clerk